



DCA Programs



Are you doing great things for the environment? Do you participate in voluntary environmental events? Does your workplace go above and beyond regulatory requirements? If you answered yes, then [KY EXCEL](#) is a program for you.



The [Operator Certification Program](#) trains and certifies wastewater and drinking water system operators to ensure that these environmental professionals are qualified and prepared to properly treat and protect Kentucky's water resources.



The [Brownfield Program](#) helps communities and property owners identify meaningful solutions that encourage the cleanup and redevelopment of underused, contaminated properties.

State Environmental Awards Program Seeks Nominations

The Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (DEP) is soliciting nominations for the 2010 Environmental Excellence Awards. These awards were established to recognize the environmental leadership efforts and activities of individuals, businesses and organizations in the state. Through this awards program, DEP is providing a platform to tell the stories of the environmental stewardship taking place in the Commonwealth.

The awards being offered include three Environmental Pacesetter Awards to recognize exemplary efforts to protect the environment, conserve resources and set an example of environmental stewardship for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Community Environmental Luminary Award highlights achievements in community-based environmental education and outreach. The Resource Caretaker Award focuses on efforts to conserve Kentucky's resources. The KY EXCEL Champion Award recognizes a KY EXCEL member that has shown leadership in promoting green behaviors and the KY EXCEL program.

Award nominations are being accepted until COB May 31, 2010. Winners will be notified in July 2010, and invited to the awards presentation scheduled during the Governor's Conference on the Environment, Oct. 20-21, 2010, in Louisville. For more information, [click here](#). The nomination form is available [here](#).

DEP Seeks Entries for 2010 Green Art Contest

The Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection is pleased to announce the nomination period for the 2010 Green Art Contest. To nominate a deserving high school junior or senior artist whose art is connected to or influenced by the environment, go to <http://dca.ky.gov/> and fill out the nomination form. Instructions are also included with the nomination form. For questions, e-mail envhelp@ky.gov.

EPA Proposes New Rule on Emissions Standards for Area Source Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Boilers

The EPA has issued a proposed rule that would reduce emissions of toxic air pollutants from existing and new industrial, commercial and institutional boilers located at area source facilities. The proposed rule would reduce emissions of a number of toxic air pollutants, including mercury, metals and organic air toxins, which include dioxins. The proposal would cover boilers located at area source facilities that burn coal, oil, biomass or nonwaste materials, but not units that burn solid waste. For more information, see <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/new.html>.



Environmental laws can often be confusing and challenging. The [Environmental Compliance Assistance Program](#) helps regulated entities understand and comply with environmental obligations, advocates for entities under represented in the regulatory process and facilitates moving beyond compliance to environmental leadership.

EPA Requests Proposals for Urban Watershed Capacity Building Grant

Through the Targeted Watershed Grants Program, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to award up to \$600,000 to an eligible entity to manage an Urban Watershed Capacity Building Grant. A key component of the grant is to engage communities in capacity-building activities to foster an increased connection, understanding and ownership of their waters. The EPA is soliciting proposals from eligible applicants that address the following two project components: (1) establish and manage a competitive urban watershed subaward program and (2) provide urban watershed technical services to subawardees.

Proposals must be received by the EPA by May 19, 2010. For more information, visit the Targeted Watersheds Grants program Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/twg>.

Free EPA Training on the Academic Labs Rule for Hazardous Waste (Subpart K)

The EPA will be providing free training on the Academic Labs Rule for Hazardous Waste (Subpart K), which was published on Dec. 1, 2008. Colleges or universities that have science laboratories, engineering and/or technology laboratories, art studios or an associated teaching hospital or nonprofit research institution will be particularly interested in this topic. EPA experts on this new regulation and individuals experienced in the development and implementation of Subpart K are hosting this seminar, which will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. EDT. The training will be conducted at the EPA Conference Center, One Potomac Yard (South Building), 2777 South Crystal Drive, Arlington VA 22202. A live Webcast is available on the Web site below.

For additional information and to register, visit www.epa.gov/waste/hazard/generation/labwaste by May 11, 2010.

EPA Proposes Removing Saccharin from Hazardous Waste Listings

The EPA is proposing a rule to remove saccharin and its salts from the agency's lists of hazardous wastes, hazardous constituents and hazardous substances because it is no longer considered a potential hazard to human health. Saccharin is a white crystalline powder used as an artificial sweetener and can be found in diet soft drinks, chewing gum and juice.

In the late 1990s, the National Toxicology Program and the International Agency for Research on Cancer re-evaluated the available scientific information on saccharin and its salts and concluded that saccharin and its salts are not potential human carcinogens. Because the scientific basis for remaining on the EPA's lists no longer applies, the agency is issuing a proposed rule to remove saccharin and its salts from the list.

The public comment period will be open for 60 days after the proposal is published in the Federal Register. For more information about the proposal, see www.epa.gov/waste/hazard/wastetypes/wasteid/saccharin/index.htm.

Air Permits Out for Public Notice

The following permits are out for public notice. The relevant permit follows each

notice.

[EQT Gathering LLC](#) (AFS# 21-119-00030) [Permit Number F-10-012](#)
[Magni Industries Inc.](#) (AFS# 21-015-00119) [Permit Number F-10-015](#)
[Custom Resins Inc.](#) (AFS# 21-101-00104) [Permit Number V-09-008](#)
[Publishers Printing Co.](#) (AFS# 21-029-00032) [Permit Number V-09-040](#)
[World Color \(USA\) LLC](#) (AFS# 21-213-00022) [Permit Number V-08-017](#)
[Kimberly-Clark Corp.](#) (AFS# 21-059-00169) [Permit Number V-09-030](#)

EPA Finalizes the 2008 National U.S. Greenhouse Gas Inventory

The EPA has released the 15th annual U.S. greenhouse gas inventory report, which shows a drop in overall emissions of 2.9 percent from 2007 to 2008. The downward trend is attributed to a decrease in carbon dioxide emissions associated with fuel and electricity consumption.

The inventory tracks annual greenhouse gas emissions at the national level and presents historical emissions from 1990 to 2008. It also calculates carbon dioxide emissions that are removed from the atmosphere by “sinks,” which occur through the uptake of carbon by forests, vegetation and soils.

For more information, go to

<http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/usinventoryreport.html>.

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